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Attach: Request for Audit-Tissue Cost Comparison.eml
Subject: Tissue Contract Update #2

On August 29, 2002, I sent you a Tissue Contract update indicating the tissue contract was signed by TBI and all but one partnered tissue bank had signed an agreement with TBI. We had anticipated bringing the Board letter before you within two weeks of that date.

In mid September, Supervisor Burke's Office brought to our attention concerns raised by one of the partnered banks, West Coat Tissue, relating to the amount of money charged by TBI for tissue recoveries. While this issue was initially addressed by the Board appointed committee, the 2nd district requested a current independent audit/survey comparison of costs to ensure fairness of the amounts being charged.

On September 12, 2002, I requested the assistance of the Auditor Controller to complete the cost comparison. (Please see above attachment.) The Auditor has responded and is presently in the process of completing the audit/survey which is estimated to take several weeks. As soon as the audit/survey is completed, we will be presenting the Board letter for final approval.

Please let me know if you need additional information.